

## All Disabled Beneficiaries

**Table 6.**  
**Distribution, by sex and diagnostic group, December 2002**

Diagnostic group	Total		Workers		Widow(er)s		Adult children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>All disabled beneficiaries</b>								
Total	6,491,494	100.0	5,539,597	100.0	207,365	100.0	744,532	100.0
Congenital anomalies	16,606	0.3	9,226	0.2	267	0.1	7,113	1.0
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	259,335	4.0	237,020	4.3	19,634	9.5	2,681	0.4
Infectious and parasitic diseases	107,013	1.6	102,589	1.9	1,695	0.8	2,729	0.4
Injuries	262,822	4.0	248,544	4.5	5,171	2.5	9,107	1.2
Mental disorders								
Retardation	620,423	9.6	286,210	5.2	9,679	4.7	324,534	43.6
Other	1,701,328	26.2	1,558,928	28.1	45,274	21.8	97,126	13.0
Neoplasms	156,080	2.4	150,138	2.7	4,262	2.1	1,680	0.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	15,916	0.2	13,708	0.2	354	0.2	1,854	0.2
Circulatory system	584,316	9.0	558,736	10.1	22,348	10.8	3,232	0.4
Digestive system	83,152	1.3	80,396	1.5	2,227	1.1	529	0.1
Genitourinary system	97,239	1.5	93,645	1.7	1,837	0.9	1,757	0.2
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1,385,191	21.3	1,324,762	23.9	55,677	26.8	4,752	0.6
Nervous system and sense organs	612,180	9.4	533,774	9.6	14,527	7.0	63,879	8.6
Respiratory system	188,897	2.9	176,941	3.2	11,054	5.3	902	0.1
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	14,188	0.2	13,429	0.2	510	0.2	249	a
Other	10,715	0.2	9,447	0.2	214	0.1	1,054	0.1
Unknown	376,093	5.8	142,104	2.6	12,635	6.1	221,354	29.7
<b>Men</b>								
Subtotal	3,479,990	100.0	3,067,251	100.0	6,098	100.0	406,641	100.0
Congenital anomalies	8,534	0.2	4,837	0.2	6	0.1	3,691	0.9
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	100,518	2.9	98,936	3.2	295	4.8	1,287	0.3
Infectious and parasitic diseases	79,130	2.3	77,584	2.5	85	1.4	1,461	0.4
Injuries	183,723	5.3	177,071	5.8	294	4.8	6,358	1.6
Mental disorders								
Retardation	365,074	10.5	188,430	6.1	295	4.8	176,349	43.4
Other	878,971	25.3	816,141	26.6	1,095	18.0	61,735	15.2
Neoplasms	74,246	2.1	73,149	2.4	134	2.2	963	0.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	7,349	0.2	6,416	0.2	11	0.2	922	0.2
Circulatory system	382,100	11.0	379,306	12.4	1,056	17.3	1,738	0.4
Digestive system	44,184	1.3	43,823	1.4	88	1.4	273	0.1
Genitourinary system	57,728	1.7	56,726	1.8	94	1.5	908	0.2
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	700,013	20.1	696,529	22.7	1,447	23.7	2,037	0.5
Nervous system and sense organs	306,338	8.8	271,690	8.9	397	6.5	34,251	8.4
Respiratory system	91,563	2.6	90,828	3.0	322	5.3	413	0.1
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	5,647	0.2	5,536	0.2	12	0.2	99	a
Other	5,393	0.2	4,808	0.2	8	0.1	577	0.1
Unknown	189,479	5.4	75,441	2.5	459	7.5	113,579	27.9

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**Table 6.**  
**Distribution, by sex and diagnostic group, December 2002—Continued**

Diagnostic group	Total		Workers		Widow(er)s		Adult children	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Women</b>								
Subtotal	3,011,504	100.0	2,472,346	100.0	201,267	100.0	337,891	100.0
Congenital anomalies	8,072	0.3	4,389	0.2	261	0.1	3,422	1.0
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	158,817	5.3	138,084	5.6	19,339	9.6	1,394	0.4
Infectious and parasitic diseases	27,883	0.9	25,005	1.0	1,610	0.8	1,268	0.4
Injuries	79,099	2.6	71,473	2.9	4,877	2.4	2,749	0.8
Mental disorders								
Retardation	255,349	8.5	97,780	4.0	9,384	4.7	148,185	43.9
Other	822,357	27.3	742,787	30.0	44,179	22.0	35,391	10.5
Neoplasms	81,834	2.7	76,989	3.1	4,128	2.1	717	0.2
Diseases of the—								
Blood and blood-forming organs	8,567	0.3	7,292	0.3	343	0.2	932	0.3
Circulatory system	202,216	6.7	179,430	7.3	21,292	10.6	1,494	0.4
Digestive system	38,968	1.3	36,573	1.5	2,139	1.1	256	0.1
Genitourinary system	39,511	1.3	36,919	1.5	1,743	0.9	849	0.3
Musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	685,178	22.8	628,233	25.4	54,230	26.9	2,715	0.8
Nervous system and sense organs	305,842	10.2	262,084	10.6	14,130	7.0	29,628	8.8
Respiratory system	97,334	3.2	86,113	3.5	10,732	5.3	489	0.1
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	8,541	0.3	7,893	0.3	498	0.2	150	a
Other	5,322	0.2	4,639	0.2	206	0.1	477	0.1
Unknown	186,614	6.2	66,663	2.7	12,176	6.0	107,775	31.9

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disabled Beneficiaries and Dependents Master Beneficiary Record file.

NOTE: The diagnosis for disabled adult children typically was not recorded on the Master Beneficiary Record until 1984. Many beneficiaries entitled before that date are still on the rolls today.

a. Less than 0.05 percent.

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